

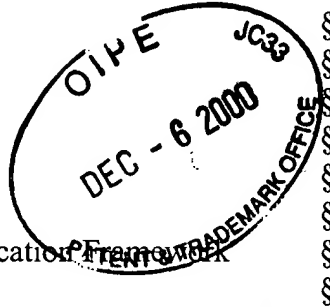
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In connection with the above mentioned application, Applicant would like to amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims.

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--4. A framework for monitoring workflow within an application having multiple levels of functionality, said framework capable of combining a plurality of components from different sources, the framework comprising:

a. a process level for selecting a set of defined process steps to be applied to a data set associated with a set of activities;

b. a sub-process level including an aggregation of selected activities from said set of activities, said sub-process level for facilitating navigation between ones of said selected activities;

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